

Christ is Born!
Христос Рождается!

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
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Let us Glorify Him!
Славим Его!

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1 January, 2012: Sunday before Theophany Circumcision of Our Lord; St. Basil the Great-Archbishop

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Dec.	31	<u>5:00 PM</u>, Sunday Vigil <i>+Steve & Margaret Muchoney requested by Friends and Family</i>
Sun.	Jan.	01	<u>10:30 AM</u>: Sunday before Theophany: Feast of the Circumcision: Feast of St. Basil: For Our Parishioners
Thurs.	Jan.	05	7:00 PM, Vigil of Theophany: Vespers w/D.L. of St. Basil <i>+Andrew Kontir requested by Edward & Irene Onuscheck</i>
Sat.	Jan.	07	<u>5:00 PM</u>, Sunday Vigil w/Mirovanije <i>+Robert Knouse, Sr. requested by Robert Knouse Family</i>
Sun.	Jan.	08	<u>10:30 AM</u>: Sunday after Theophany: For Our Parishioners w/Mirovanije

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Acolytes

Readers

Ushers

Sat.	Dec.	31	Matt Mihalko	B. Chirdon	J. Kontir, M. Bankovich
Sun.	Jan.	01	All Servers	M. Hulyk	J. Overdorff, W. Furwa
Thurs.	Jan.	05	All Servers	L. Knouse	Any 2 Present
Sat.	Jan.	07	Matt Mihalko	J. Kontir	J. Snitzer, R. Garber
Sun.	Jan.	08	Eric Hess	B. Chirdon	G. Krynicky, D. Hess

Collection: 12/25/11: Adult \$ 4119; Children \$ 14; Candles \$ 45; **Total: \$ 4,178**

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There is **NO kneeling** or **fasting** from 25 December through 4 January. Thursday, 5 January is a day of strict fast in preparation for the great feast of the Theophany of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. Although the Theophany falls on a Friday in 2012, there is **NO fasting** or **abstinence** on Friday.

Jordan Water will be consecrated Thursday evening after the *Ambon Prayer*. Since Compline will not be celebrated, bread will be blessed after the consecration of water. Traditionally, water is blessed twice on Theophany. The first blessing after the Vigil Divine Liturgy, or Vespers, is the Jordan Water that will be kept in the church. The second blessing, after the Divine Liturgy on the day of the feast, is of a local river, or nearby body of water.

The final day, the leave-taking of Theophany, the Otdanije in Slavonic, is Saturday, 14 January. **THEOPHANY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FOR ALL BYZANTINE CATHOLICS!!!**

To all who so richly gifted me during these twelve days of Christmas, I wish to say thank you, thank you, thank you for your cards, well wishes, culinary delights, *et cetera*. As we continue to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, I ask that He bless you with the experience of eternal life, by deepening your faith, warming your heart, and strengthening your will to follow the narrow path that leads to the Heavenly Kingdom. Let us offer prayers for one another throughout this New Year as we follow this path of discipleship, praising and glorifying Christ Our Savior!

With love in the New-born Savior,
Fr. Paul-Alexander.



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- Be sure to check out our parish web site for photos of our recent Parish Christmas play and dinner: **www.stmarybyzantinecatholic.org**
- **ECF CLASSES resume on January 22, 2012.**
- Kick off the New Year with family and friends with a Free New Year's Day Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner held January 1st at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 108 Dutch Hill Road, Latrobe, PA from 11:30 am until 3:30 pm. See Poster for details.
- **BINGO IS CANCELLED UNTIL JANUARY 6TH DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS!** The crews can relax and enjoy a well-deserved break. New volunteers are always welcome!!!
- **ATTENTION ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS:** As the year of 2011 draws to a close and 2012 dawns on the horizon, it is time to think about the collection of dues. Dues are returning to \$12.00 per year. **Some members still owe from previous years.** Please seal your money in an envelope, write your name on it, and throw it in the collection basket. It will be given to Virginia Schachte.
- ***BCW REMINDER: for those of you subscribing to the Byzantine Catholic World, it is time to once again renew your subscriptions.*** Please turn in your \$12.00 remittance ASAP to the parish office, either cash or check made payable to "St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church." Please indicate any corrections that need to be made to the spelling of names and/or changes in address. If you do not presently subscribe to our archeparchy's newspaper and wish to do so, just follow the previous directions.
- ***Envelopes!!*** Kindly turn in your envelopes from 2011 ASAP so that you may be given the proper credit on your contribution forms. Please make sure that you always mark your envelope as to the amount of your donation.

- **St. Mary Parish has received a thank you card from the Very Rev. Eugene P. Yackanich in response to the Get Well / Christmas card that was sent to him. “Know that I appreciate your thoughtfulness. May all of you have a very Blessed Christmas and a holy, healthy and Happy New Year 2012,” writes Father Eugene.**
- **The Mission Society of the Mother of God of Boronyavo**, located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, has sent us copies of the current issue of their *Newsletter*. These are located on the table in the Narthex. Rev. Christopher Zugger, their chaplain, writes that this society is an organization of volunteers that has been raising funds for the work of our mother Byzantine Catholic Church in the Eparchy of Mukachevo, in Ukraine, and the Metropolitan Province of Slovakia. With the steadily spreading economic crisis in Europe, American dollars go very far in both regions and greatly help to pay tuition for young seminarians studying for the priesthood (\$350.00 per student per year); as well as assisting elderly priests, and the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great in Slovakia and Trans-Carpathia for their novitiate, nursing program, and schools, monetary gifts also supply relief for orphans, aid youth projects, and the Academy of Saint Cecilia. If you would like to learn more about the society’s work, in addition to their *Newsletter*, please visit their website:

www.missionboronyavo.org